AN ACT

For liberty to Tranſport

Spices Vngarbled.

WHereas by an Act of Parliament, made the firſt year of King James, for prevention of abuſes committed in putting to ſale of corrupt, unclean, and mingled Spices, Drugs, Wares, and other Merchandizes Garbleable; It was thereby for remedy thereof Enacted, that ſundry ſorts of Spices, Drugs, Wares and Merchandizes, in the ſaid Act mentioned, and brought into London, and there ſold and uttered, ſhould be ſufficiently cleanſed and garbled, before the ſame, or any part thereof ſhould be ſold, upon

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paine of forfeiture of all such Spices, Drugs, Wares and Merchandizes, or the value thereof which should be sold: And whereas a great part of the Trade of the Merchants of this Nation, Importing and Exporting of Pepper and other Spices, Drugs, Wares and Merchandize, into and out of this Commonwealth, in their course and return of Trade, do Import far greater quantities thereof, then are expended and consumed in this Nation; the overplus whereof (if lying dead) will be no advantage, either to the Merchants, or to this Commonwealth; and if allowed to be exported ungarbled, would tend to the great advancement of Trade & Commerce in general, the strengthning and securing of the State by the encrease of Navigation, warlike Ships and able Seamen, and also the great augmenting of Custom and Excize: All which the Commons of England in Parliament assembled, seriously considering, Do think good to Declare, Enact and Ordain, And it is hereby Enacted, Ordained and Declared, That it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said Merchants and People of England, and every of them, from time to time, and at all times from and after the Eight and twentieth of August, One thousand six hundred forty nine, to Vend, Trade with, and Export out of this Commonwealth of England, into any the parts beyond the Seas, any quantity or quantities of Pepper, Spices, Wares, and Drugs, and Merchandizes ungarbled, which are or shall be hereafter by them Imported as aforesaid, without any severing, sifting, cleansing, dividing, or garbling of the same. And be it furthermore Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Merchants and People of England, and every of them, may likewise from time to time,

time, and at all times hereafter, utter and put to ſale any Pepper or Spices, Drugs, Wares & Merchandizes, which ſhall be ſo ſevered, or that are or ſhall be uncleanſed, undivided, or ungarbled, to any perſon or perſons whatſoever within this Realm, to be Exported to any part or parts beyond the ſeas; and that all and every perſon and perſons which ſhall ſo buy any Pepper or other Spices, Drugs, Wares or Merchandizes to Tranſport, ſhall and may Tranſport the ſame Pepper or other Spices, Drugs, Wares and Merchandizes, without any ſevering, cleanſing, dividing, or garbling of the ſame, The ſaid Statute, or any thing to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

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